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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Confirmation No: 6341

HANSEN

Group Art Unit: 1639

Application Serial No.: 09/893,499

Examiner: CELSA, B. M.

Filed: June 29, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: 108172-00056

For: Construction and Screening of Lantibody Display Libraries

May 28, 2004

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated April 28, 2004, the applicant hereby elects:

Group I: directed to claims 1 to 9, drawn to a binding assay method. The applicant further elects:

Species A, directed to Target Molecules. Claims 1 to 9 read on the elected species.

The applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter.

This response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response. Therefore, the applicant believes that no fee is due.

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In the event this response is not timely filed, the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this petition, along with any other additional fees required with respect to this response, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108172-00056.

Respectfully submitted,

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